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Tule Elk State Natural Reserve Closed for Major Renovation

BUTTONWILLOW, Calif. - Tule Elk State Natural Reserve will be closed to the public Sept. 1, 2015 through Jan. 31, 2016 for a major renovation of the day use area. All interpretive programs during this time period will also be cancelled.

During construction, the elk at the reserve will still be monitored and cared for on a daily basis and kept away from construction. The reserve is west of Bakersfield off Interstate 5 and is home to rare tule elk, a species that once hovered near extinction.

The renovation project includes the installation of two 50 person, day-use shade ramadas with tables; a new concrete pad, picnic table and a shade ramada to the current family day use picnic site; and an ADA-compliant ramp to the current viewing platform.

The \$850,000 project was made possible by a donation partnership agreement from Buena Vista Water Storage and matching funds from California State Parks.

For more information on the renovation project or to view project updates, please visit Tule Elk State Natural Reserve's [website](#).

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About California's Drought

California has been dealing with the effects of drought. To learn about all the actions the state has taken to manage our water system and cope with the impacts of the drought, visit Drought.CA.Gov.

Every Californian should take steps to conserve water at home, at work and even when recreating outdoors. Find out how at SaveOurWater.com

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